

**Draft Minutes  
Addiction & Psych Committee  
May 3, 2019**

**Present**

Stephen Hermele, MD, Chair  
Marvin Rabinowitz, MD, Vice-Chair  
Darvin Varon, MD, Vice-Chair  
Arthur Fougner, MD, President  
Scott Breidbart, MD  
Frank Dowling, MD  
Laurence Epstein, MD  
Nina Huberman, MD  
Russell Kamer, MD  
Lynda Hohman, MD  
Bonnie Litvac, MD, President-elect  
Jeffrey Selzer, MD  
Barbara Ellman, Alliance

**Excused**

Joshua Cohen, MD, Commissioner  
Janine Fogarty, MD, Asst. Commissioner  
Herman Kalia, MD  
Glenn Martin, MD  
Jared Walsh, MD

**Absent**

Roger Green, MD  
Paul Haffey, MD  
Brian Johnson, MD  
Anar Yuklayev, MD  
David Kerling, Student

**Staff**

Pat Clancy, Sr. Vice President Public Health  
and Education/Managing Director  
Maureen Ramirez, Administrative Asst.

**Welcome** – new committee members: Drs. Breidbart, Green, Kalia and Yukhayevev.

**Adoption of January 1, 2019 minutes** – approved

**Old Business:**

- a) **Recreational Marijuana** – update – MSSNY’s effort to keep legalization of marijuana out of the New York State 2020 budget was successful. It is imperative that pressure is maintained against legalization. The medical societies of Connecticut, New Jersey and Delaware joined in solidarity with MSSNY against legalization. Does the AMA have a clear statement on marijuana? Yes. MSSNY has existing policy as well. Ms. Clancy will distribute copies of these policies to the committee. MSSNY put out a GAC letter urging physicians to contact their elected officials. On May 31, 2019 the FDA will hold a hearing on cannabis derived product. There will be open comment. Info will be sent to the committee along with a copy of the most recent draft of the bill. There is a lean towards focusing on education on this.
- b) **Medical Records Resolution 63 from 2018 HOD -**